

FAMILIES EMPOWERED TO IMPACT LIFELONG HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE JADE-LENTS NEIGHBORHOOD

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ENSURING COMMUNITY WELLBEING THROUGH:



Health: The Jade and Lents neighborhoods have large populations of people of color and low-income. This neighborhood experiences low birth weights and high asthma rates, extremely poor air quality, lack of access to affordable housing, transportation options, healthy food and green space. This is a result of public planning which doesn't reflect the needs of vulnerable community members.



Pregnant women and young children are highly impacted by numerous stresses. The "first thousand days" of a child's life are an important time when we must protect our youth. Pregnant women of color and low-income from this neighborhood will come together through this project to build power to advocate on their own behalf.



Institutions: Our project puts these women in the same room as decision-makers from all levels of government (City of Portland, Multnomah County, Metro Regional Government, Oregon state, Federal EPA) to tell their stories and make the case for what needs to be done to improve their health outcomes.



Tree Canopy: The neighborhood tree canopy is at roughly half of the level recommended by the US Forest Service. Proximity to trees reduces airborne toxins, water pollution, soil pollution, and is shown to improve quality of life and community morale.



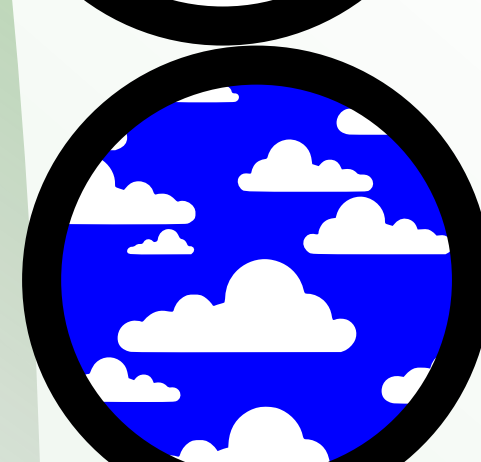
Transportation: The lifeline connecting families to services and resources, transit in this neighborhood leaves much to be desired. OPAL organizes Bus Riders Unite, giving a voice to transit-dependent people in the region. APANO and OPAL sit on the Powell-Division Transportation Corridor Steering Committee, representing the voices of our community members.



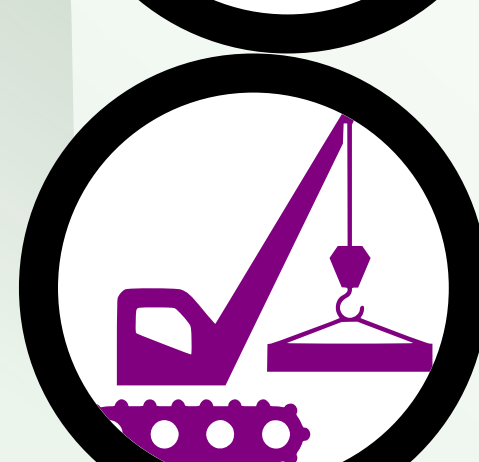
Housing Affordability: ROSE Community Development brings expertise in affordable housing and programming, and will work to develop an affordable housing plan that meets the needs of the community.



Food: Project partners at Zenger Farms bring community-based farming capacity to connect our impacted families to healthy, culturally-appropriate, affordable food choices, improving nutrition and lifelong health.



Air Quality: Long-identified as a community priority, emissions from transportation and other sources in this neighborhood will be measured, studied, and improved upon in the aim of improving long-term health.



Community Development: Taking direct control over the spaces that surround vulnerable populations, while also providing job skills training and economic opportunity to individuals.



the Jade District

SE Division St.

82nd Avenue



SE Holgate



SE 27th

the Lents Neighborhood

ROSE Community Development, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) have convened a collaborative effort. We are focusing our resources towards supporting pregnant women, young mothers and families in the Lents neighborhood and Jade district.

Our breakthrough innovation will address health disparities in our community by elevating authentically-originated community concerns. We will change traditional processes by breaking down barriers between community members and the governments who serve them, to transform the way that we think about taking responsibility for the environment in which we live. We will empower community members, build consensus and lead grassroots organizing efforts in our community.

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